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(TEXT) YESTERDAY, THE REVOLUTIONARY COURT OF HAVANA IMPOSED THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON THREE CIA AGENTS WHO WERE PART OF AN ESPIONAGE AND SUBVERSION NETWORK ORGANIZED BY THAT AGENCY TO SABOTAGE THE SHIPS OF OUR NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE. THE MEN PUNISHED WERE ROBERTO FERNANDEZ CUBO, A CREWMAN OF THE GONZALEZ LINES MOTORSHIP WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY PUNISHED SEVERAL TIMES FOR PROCURING AND USING DRUGS, AND SMUGGLING; RAUL PEREIRA CASTANEDA, ALSO A CREWMEMBER OF THAT MOTORSHIP WHO WAS A FORMER ENSIGN IN THE NAVY OF THE TYRANNY; AND ROGER SABINO SOPENA MINOJOSA, WHO WAS A CREWMEMBER OF THE MANUEL ASCUNSE VESSEL AND WHO ALSO HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD FOR SMUGGLING AND DRUGS. THIS METOWRD WAS RECRUITED BY THE CIA IN SOME EUROPEAN PORTS BY A U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER KNOWN AS "PETER" AND A DESERTER OF THE NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE NAMED MANUEL (CAJARAVILLE LEGEQUE), WHO BECAME A TRAITOR IN AUGUST 1962 BY LEAVING THE VESSEL IN THE PORT OF HAMBURG.

THESE MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE INTRODUCTION INTO AND USE IN OUR COUNTRY OF INCENDIARY DEVICES, HIGH-SPEED TRANSMITTERS, AND MATERIALS FOR THE USE OF SECRET WRITING, WHICH WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NETWORK AND THE ORGANIZATION IN CUBA OF ESPIONAGE NETWORKS FOR OBTAINING AND SENDING IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INFORMATION.

THE AGENTS' CONFESSION MADE IT CLEAR THAT SOPENA MINOJOSA HAD THE MISSION OF DESTROYING A CARGO OF 45,000 BOXES OF CODFISH AND OF SABOTAGING, IN THE PORT OF HAVANA, THE INSTALLATION OF THE DRY DOCK, FOR WHICH PURPOSE HE RECEIVED EIGHT INCENDIARY BOMBS. FERNANDEX CUBO INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNTRY--UTILIZING HIS POSITION AS A CREWMEMBER OF THE SHIP--FOUR INCENDIARY DEVICES, WHICH HE DELIVERED TO ANOTHER OF THE PERSONS TRIED AFTER ARRIVING IN CUBA. PEREIRA CASTANEDA RECEIVED AND INTRODUCED INTO CUBA ANOTHER HIGH-SPEED TRANSMITTER, WHICH THE NETWORK USED TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION TO THE CIA CETER ABROAD.

ALL OF THEM RECEIVED SEVERAL PAYMENTS IN DOLLARS FOR THEIR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. IN THE SAME TRIAL, THE REVOLUTIONARY COURT ALSO IMPOSED SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT ON OTHER MEMBERS OF AN COLLABORATORS IN THE NETWORK WHO COOPERATED WITH THE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK IN THE SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE WORK IT CARRIED OUT.

THE DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED WERE CARRIED OUT YESTERDAY.

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